

Members of the media, political parties and government officials were lucky enough to get tickets for Omaha's first-ever televised vice-presidential debate.

Bentsen 'bags a Quayle' Republican defends record

By JOHN ROOD Editor

Two days after the 1988 vice-presidential debate, Democrats still argue candidate Lloyd Bentsen made good on a promise to "bag a Quayle," while Republicans say the substance of the Texas senator's comments was inaccurate and overexaggerated.

Following the debate, Democrats attacked Dan Quayle for dodging repeated theoretical questions about what he would do if forced to assume the presidency. Republicans disagreed.

"it was an absolutely absurd hypothesis. He showed great courage not to answer it," Rich Bond, political director for the

Bush campaign, said.
"It's not a hypothetical question," Congressman Dick Gephardt (D-Mo.) countered. "It's very real, and he didn't know how to answer or what to do.'

Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) said Quayle



- Dave Weaver Gephardt

made a more costly error.
"I think Quayle's worst mistake was when he tried to compare himself to Jack

Cranston said Quayle's remarks about Kennedy and questions arising about the Indiana senator's integrity could swing the important California vote in the Democrats' favor.

'The issue tonight was Dan Quayle . and Quayle didn't win against Quayle," he said. "He was programmed to give responses. He kept trying to shift attention to Dukakis-Bentsen and off himself."

Republican National Committee Chairman Frank J. Fahrenkopf, one of the de-bate's organizers, said inconsistencies in the democratic ticket are an issue.

'He (Bentsen) ran as far away from Mike Dukakis as he could," he said.

Fahrenkopf said the debate panel was fair in its questioning, but should have asked Bentsen what he would do if called

on to fill the presidency.
Fahrenkopf said Quayle's record proves he would be an able leader, though earlier, panelists questioned the 41-year-old's poor academic record.

"I have never professed to be anything more than an average student," Quayle said during the debate, "but it's not whether you're an average student, it's what are you going to do with your life."

Quayle noted Bentsen as the senate candidate with the most Political Action Committee (PAC) donations, and asked the Texan to support its abolition.

He also questioned Bentsen's attempt to form a now-defunct \$10,000 per person breakfast club for his supporters.

When asked why voters should support a change in White House administration, Bentsen attacked "the credit-card mentality" of a Republican administration that has doubled the national debt.

"You know, if you let me write \$200 billion worth of hot checks every year, I could give you an illusion of prosperity, too," he said.

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Both claim victory, groups protest

While VIPs congregated inside Wednesday's debate, more than 200 people gathered outside Omaha's Civic Auditorium to voice opinions on various issues.

Some groups said they staged protests because not all key issues were being ad-

Members of the New Alliance Party protested because their vice-presidential candidate was not represented in the debate.

"We're here because our vice-presiden-



"I have as much experience in the Congress as Jack Kennedy did when he sought the presidency," Dan Quayle.



"Senator, I served with Jack Kennedy. I knew Jack Kennedy. Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine. Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy," Lloyd Bentsen.

tial candidate, Joyce Dattner, is in the media booth instead of on the platform debating with the other candidates," New Alliance Party Chairperson Nanci Hamilton

Elli Rogan, a member of Nebraskans for Peace, said his group attended because they "care about the issues that aren't being addressed. The problems of the hungry and the poor.

For members of the Pro-Choice Advocates, exposure was the main reason for their presence.

'The majority of the population is prochoice. Every poll ever taken will substantiate that, but the only group the public ever sees are the anti-abortionists. We wanted our candidates to know we support them," Chairperson Arile Katzman said.

Members of Youth for Peace were also present, performing skits with students screaming and then falling to the ground as if they suffered the result of a nuclear

A coalition of peace, farm and labor groups, organized by Ira Shorr, said Dan Quayle is unqualified for the position. The coalition said Quayle supports unnecessary weapons over human needs and favors big business over family farms.

Teenage Christians from Living Faith's

youth group carried picket signs.

"We're taking a stand for the Lord. Jesus is salvation; we want a party who represents Christ," said one 13-year-old girl.

Following the debate, a victory party for Lloyd Bentsen was held at the Red Lion Inn. Among those attending were former Ne-braska Gov. Bob Kerrey and congressional candidate Peter Hoagland.

Bentsen criticized Quayle for not answering questions regarding what he would do as president of the United States, stressing Quayle was asked three, times by three panel members and continued to "revert back to his script."
More than 200 people attended the vic-

tory party for Quayle at Peony Park's Royal Grove. In attendance were Nebraska Republicans Gov. Kay Orr. Sen. David Karnes and congressional candidate Jerry Schen-

Quayle criticized Bentsen for not de-fending Dukakis, saying, "Michael Dukakis is simply out of step with main-street America. It's tough to defend a man who talks about managing the decline of Amer-

Students complete debate positions

By JANETTE THOMAS RIDDER just jump," he said. **Contributing Writer**

For many UNO students, the vicepresidential debate brought more than just a chance to hear candidates; it brought opportunity.

Student jobs offered by NBC, which paid \$8 an hour, went fast, according to Rick Carlson, director of UNO's Student Employment.

Bob Martinez, a senior studying public relations, related some of his experiences during his time with NBC.

This woman came up to me and said, 'Bob, I need you to run down to WOWT and get a tape for me that I need to edit," Martinez said.

"So here I race off to get this 'important tape, and after picking it up, I read the title," he said. "It's highlights of the wrestling match."

As a network employee, albeit a temporary one, Martinez found people quick to respond when he mentioned

"Everywhere we went, we'd say, 'We're from NBC,' and people would.

partment store an hour before it opened with \$200 and instructions to get some lamps," he said. "I knocked on the door, asked for the manager, told him I was from NBC working the debate and couldn't afford to wait.

"So, he got me the 10 lamps i needed, made change and wrote a receipt because the cash registers weren't working yet," he said.

Clifton Shelton, another UNO student, escorted NBC anchor Tom Brokaw from the airport to his room at the Radisson Inn.

"He was really nice, very businesslike you can tell he's the one in charge," Shelton said.

Pete Andrews, a UNO senior majoring in broadcasting, said he was surprised by the power of the networks.

"It's amazing how a couple of mobile homes and trucks have enough power to broadcast to the nation," he said.

Andrews asked the network people if they got tired of traveling, and they replied. "When you see that check come in, it's worth it."

Student fills in

Student Sen. Tim Lonergan received a promotion of sorts earlier this week.

Lonergan, an education major, was CBS News' choice to stand in for vice-presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen during predebate planning. The student president/regent candidate volunteered to help with the debates after hearing an announcement read in his political science

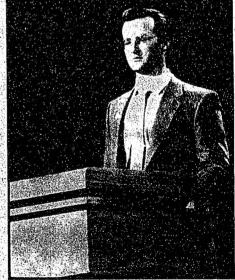
During the planning sessions, Lonergan and Creighton student Brian Keilly, who portrayed Dan Quayle, filled in for their reallife counterparts by fielding questions from a mock panel made up of other college students

While students did their best to imitate the candidates, CBS practiced camera angles and arranged sound and lighting for the real debate.

Everybody on the panel took it seriously" because of attention from national media and debate organizers, Lonergan said. Lonergan said he did take some shots at Keilly.

'I ribbed him about being too young. He came back with some good one-liners.

All of the students involved with mockdebate, including Lonergan, were Republicans. Trying to express himself as a Democratic candidate was difficult, Lonergan



Lonergan

said

"It's really hard to cut down your own. beliefs. My problem was that I had to come back with the other point of view.

Early Wednesday night, Lonergan said he was told it might be possible to meet the Texas senator. "I'm pretty sure I'll get to meet him. Even though I'm a Republican, it'd be an honor. I was excited just to be involved with the debate."

COMMENT

NEWSFLASH: Columnist offers senate solutions

annoyance and the general stupidity that has traditionally surrounded Student Government elections. It's simple,

The Student Senate has the potential to be one of the most powerful voices students have. Yeah, right.

NEWSFLASH: "According to President/Regent Joe Kerrigan, a little less than seven percent of the student body voted in the 1987 election."

- Sept. 23, 1988.

I've had to follow what goes on in the senate a little closer than most because I'm a reporter and they're news. Well, sort of .

NEWSFLASH: "Thursday's Student Senate meeting dissolved into a shouting match when senate members once again argued over the merits of using student fee money to buy T-shirts for the student representatives."

— April 23, 1986.

It's just frightening that a group of people roughly my age have the power to spend thousands of student dollars collected at registration for whatever the hell they want. I don't trust myself with credit cards. For 1988-89 Student Government approved a \$219,336 budget. Want to

guess where that money came from?

NEWSFLASH: "The Student Senate voted March 6 to approve a fee increase of \$1 for full-time students and 50 cents for part-time students.

- March 12, 1986

Covering the senate can be a real eye-opener for any reporter who draws the short straw of the week and has to give up his Thursday night to hang out with them. Reasonably cute female reporters are often asked to go out to some watering hole with the senators. Take that sentence at face value, OK? Sometimes we're left out though. NEWSFLASH: "Reporters were barred from a goal-

setting session of the Student Senate Thursday

- Feb. 2, 1988.

Tim Kaldahl

Gateway Columnist

The senate builds itself as a leadership organization. There's a truth in advertising law they're violating. Can you remember any pressing issue that was ever resolved by these guys? Hell, sometimes the senators aren't even students

NEWSFLASH: "A founding member of the Party In Progress (PIP) may be removed from the UNO Student Senate, along with the 1987 homecoming king.

"Student Sens. Dan Kennedy and Guy Rudloff have not enrolled for classes this semester and that can be grounds to remove them from the senate . . .

- Jan. 26, 1988.

No kidding. We had student senators who weren't students for awhile last year. At least one senator was so fed up with what was going on last year that she quit.

The whole PIP silliness got out of hand.

NEWSFLASH: "'I didn't get the respect and consideration that a senator should get," said Gretchen Vanteicher, who had represented Arts and Sciences. She said she felt she couldn't say anything without being 'drilled or laughed at' by the other senators." - Feb. 12, 1988.

Here's the much awaited solution to all these problems. It's about as different from the current system as you can

1. Reduce the number of senators from the unmanageable 32 to 10. You only need 22 men to play football, 10 for hoops.

2. Do away with elections in their present form. Instead, these 10 senators would be picked jury duty style for a semester. They should be paid, receive faculty parking and get three credit hours. At the end of the semester, the student body would vote to grade their performance.

I'm still working out the kinks in the system, this is just an early draft. The idea is to get the political weasels out and real students in, students who aren't puffing up a

resume like a chef does pastry.

This is my third year at UNO. I'm tired of the same old lame promises, the same faces and the same ideas being displayed as innovative.

I won't be voting again if it's this way.

Should you?

MAILBAG

To the editor:

Next month's elections are crucial for the nation, our state and our University of Nebraska at Omaha. The winners will determine public policy far into the 21st century, As a student voter and president of Pi Gamma Mu, the social science honorary, I feel it is critical for my fellow students to get to know the candidates before we step into the polling booths on Nov. 8th.

For that reason, Pi Gamma Mu is sponsoring numerous events in our "Decision," '88" series, including voter registration in the Octagon on Oct. 10th & 11th, a visit by U.S. Sen. David Karnes on Oct. 11th, a congressional debate between Republican Jerry Schenken and Democrat Peter

Hoagland live from the KETV studios on Oct. 21st and a legislative forum on Oct. 25 & 27.

Oddly enough, the candidates who have agreed to come to our campus are Republicans. The democratic candidates, Bob Kerrey and Hoagland, have refused Ri Gamma Mu's invitation to participate in our candidate panel forums, although Hoag-land will be in our debate off campus. In fact, my vice president for programs and I have contacted the Kerrey campaign of-fice at least 25 times since July 20, only to be put on hold, phone calls not returned in other words, ignored. How quickly the Kerrey people forget that Pi Gamma Mu sponsored a very successful forum for him at UNO when he ran for governor in 1982.

I say it is odd that Republicans are coming to our campus this month - odd because democratic candidates are the ones who are historically identified with support for education. Yet these two candidates won't even come to the largest university in their city of residence. I find this neglect for the student vote-highly disturbing.

Although I am a republican, my organization strives to provide unbiased programming for candidates. As a schedule maker for a political campaign, I under-stand the stresses of making best use of a candidate's limited time. Yet I feel there is no excuse for Kerrey's schedual to refuse to commit to an event sponsored by Pi Gamma Mu. We have been more than accommodating in our efforts to bring the

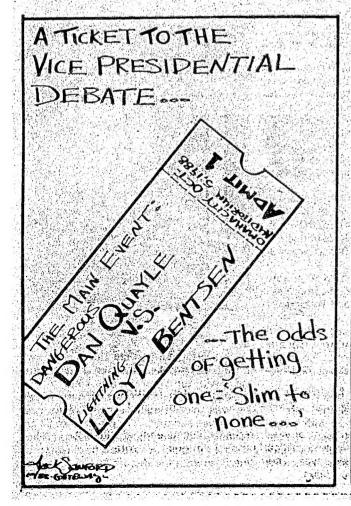
former governor to UNO, only to be ig-

I hope my fellow students remember which candidates took the time to come to UNO and listened to our concerns, and which candidates weren't interested in our input and feedback.

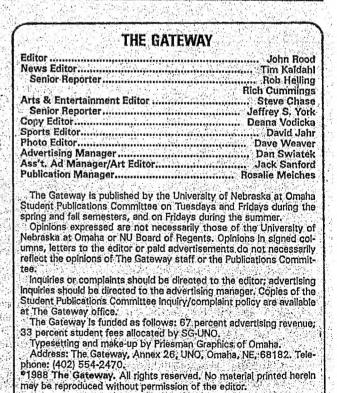
Pi Gamma Mu will continue to offer quality programming for the student body at UNO We've tried to offer unbiased coverage of the 1988 campaigns, Unfortunately, the democratic candidates for national office do not feel the need to let UNO students know where they stand on the issues.

John Majorek Graduate student

The Gateway Harmful if taken internally







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UPINION

Pupil ponders partying prof's presence

Think about this the next time you're staring down that boring professor, you? old fuddy-duddies.

Another dull weekend-last. I, along with six of my friends, were at one of Omaha's louder night spots last Saturday. The band was loud, the music was bad and the beer was warm and overpriced. Two of my friends had been forced to stand up because there was no room at the table. People were sandwiched in the aisles, sweating, grooving to the simian beat.

The majority of the crowd were in their 20s. (Let me point out, I was forced to go to this bar - whose name I will not reveal for reasons you will later understand because my friends had unanimously decided that it was the place to be that night. I do now, as I have in columns past, recommend that you, gentle reader, avoid any large drinking establishment that boasts cheap beer and extremely loud rock 'n' roll music as its staple, or has been given the reputation of being a "pick-up" joint and/or meat market. These festering holes are, for the most part, dens for the desperate and should be treated as such.)

Looking across fluorescent-lit cigarette smoke and bobbing heads covered with thick, mucilage substances, I spied what I believed to be a familiar face.

It was an older man, in his late 40s, sitting with a sprightly, 20ish blond wearing a burgundy sweater, mini-skirt and shinyblack high-heels.

His back was turned, but a glance of his face as he went to pick up an empty Bud-Light can revealed his features.

The guy was one of my professors from

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years past, before I had declared a major, back when I was taking my basic, required

The first thoughts that went through my mind were the moral-based thoughts: Gee. he's married, isn't he, and I know what his daughter looks like, and that sure ain't her.

She apparently asked for something in her purse, which was slung on the back of his chair. He dug through the black leather bag and produced a cigarette and a lighter, naive vision of what professors are, what She held the cig-butt up to her lips as he leaned forward with the flame.

Then the band started playing a cover of "Great Balls of Fire." He motioned to her with an ear-to-ear grin and they pranced out onto the floor and shook their bodies in sequence. At first, the people plopped around by my table motioned to the floor saying, "Look at that old, fat guy and the chick. Look at 'em dance.'? But after a few moments, the gawkers went back to their drinking and smoking and surveying of the

My old professor was having a good time, and he didn't care who saw him.

They stayed for about 45 minutes, then picked up their things and left. Holding hands, smiling. Ain't love grand?

Was there something wrong with this? The guy was obviously cheating on his wife, he was a professor, and the girl was a good 25 years younger than him

Well, life doesn't have to stop when you get married, I suppose. If he loved his wife, chances are he wouldn't have been there at all. Maybe it was time for a change, and she was it. Maybe.

I am a naive man. I live with an in-grown,

they represent and how they live by a moral standard from the 1950s. This professor wasn't lost in a time-zone. He was living it up with the young-uns on a Saturday night. And to hell with you slopebrowed, close-minded kids who think only you can enjoy life. The vision didn't really get shattered, it just got altered a bit.

And the age thing? Let's face it, the world is getting older, and the over 30s are now in vogue. They've lived through the 1960s, a time when they most likely. acted like wild sex-animals, eating dope and grooving to Hendrix.

A glance at the top 10 sexiest women in the country (as compiled by one of those celeb-mags) shows all of them are in their 30s. The young-folk are going to have to try a helluva lot harder to compete with the "30-somethings" because they have it all; the looks, the brains, the experience.

Again, was there something wrong with my old prof partying with a daughter-aged lassy? Don't answer too quickly, one of these days you might have to answer the same question. And when you do, remember one thing: When you hit that mid-life crisis, your life ain't over.

Deficit, defense budget demand accountability

The federal budget deficit is one of the major campaign issues this year. Proposals that address the problem differ, but there is no disagreement that we must continue to take measures to control our spending

It is vital that Congress and the president continue to scrutinize and be required to justify expenditures in all areas. The single largest national expense is defense, and the military budget must also continue to undergo strict examination; It is necessary to look at every defense program in light of its expense relative to its value to our national security.

One hotly debated defense issue is the Strategic Defense Initiative, SDI. Proponents of SDI claim that a spacebased defense system can provide the United States with security against Soviet ICBM's. While acknowledging the actual deployment of such a system would be extremely expensive, supporters argue that the security benefits outweigh the costs.

The major criticism of SDI is simply that it just wouldn't work. There is no way a system could be created that could assure the U.S. of security against Soviet-launched missiles. Furthermore, such a system is untestable. We can't afford to wait until hundreds of ballistic missiles are hurtling through space to see if our technology will protect

But what if we could be sure of the effectiveness of an

SDI system? Under ideal circumstances, how much security would a space-based defense provide the American people?

The answer is, very little. Assuming we could deter all Soviet ICBM's, there exists a multitude of other nuclear weapons the Russians (or others) could deploy against the United States. Anyone who claimed that SDI would lessen the nuclear threat is either grossly deluded or a liar.

SDI would be virtually useless against low-altitude missiles launched from submarines, aircraft or land-based simple. A sophisticated new defense can only produce the race to develop a "new and improved" weapon to circumvent it

We should try to learn from the past, Before World War II, the French built an impressive series of fortifications along their eastern border, the Maginot line. This defense was aimed at holding at bay the "evil German Empire." The Germans simply went around, if deployed, SDI would be the American version of the Maginot line.

The American people must decide if the possibility of war in space really furthers the goals of peace and security. As a nation, we must determine by what methods we want to defend our country and attempt to achieve global stability.

What we absolutely cannot do is rely on the military. establishment as our primary source of information. The U.S. military is a bureaucracy and its overriding concern is the perpetuation of its own existence. We must not be intimidated into believing that as "ordinary" people we are not qualified to know our own best interests.

At a time when we face the possibility of a grave economic crisis; it is crucial that Americans demand accountability from their government. We must demand defense programs that reflect a true commitment to peace. As a people we must insist on actions that reflect that commitment.

Cherie King

Gateway Columnist

sites. It would provide no defense against an internal assault from smuggled nuclear weaponry.

In addition, the United States is extremely vulnerable to an assault from chemical or biological weapons. In terms of human life, this type of threat has the potential to create

devastation even more complete than nuclear weapons. SDI will not increase our security. Instead, it would put our country at even greater risk. There is no such thing as a purely defensive weapon. SDI is escalation, plain and

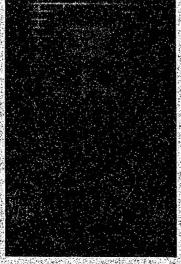
Opinions solicited by A.A. Sarka

'How will the vice presidential debate affect your vote? Do you plan to vote in November?



Tyrone Beasley, senior **Art and Marketing**

"It won't have any effect at all because I'm a Democrat, and I plan to vote Democrat."



Mike Siggers, senior **Biology**

presidential debate." ()

"It won't affect my vote: I will



Eric Shaw, sophomore **Business**

"It won't I already have my vote, but not based on the vice mind made up, and the debateis moot: Yes. I do."





'I have no point of view on the debate: I have no political knowledge: whatsoever. Therefore 1 will not be voting." Treezera interestriction property and a



Dr. Maurice Conner Foriegn Languages

'I've already decided on who I'm going to vote for.

Campus leads growth of university system

Enrollment at UNO nears 15,000 students

By JOHN ROOD Editor

The University of Nebraska at Omaha topped enrollment gains made by other University of Nebraska campuses, adding 775 new students in 1988, according to figures announced last Tuesday.

According to a report provided by the NU Office of Public Affairs, UNO posted a 5.5 percent increase in enrollment and accounted for more than half of 1,369 new NU students. The overall NU increase was 3.4 percent.

"That's a very positive sign," UNO Registrar William Gerbracht said.

"A marked increase in enrollment is definitely a positive step for any institution, there's no doubt about that," he added.

UNO now boasts a total enrollment of 14,985, its largest ever. Gerbracht said university officials are still trying to figure out why.

"In the years I've been here, I've seen the enrollment ebb and flow. It seems to be cyclical, but it's hard to predict because it's based on so many things," he said.

Gerbracht said several factors affect students' decisions when they choose a university, including economic conditions, financial aid availability and students who drop out for a semester or two and then return to school,

Some students take a semester off to earn money for tuition or decide what their career goals are. Other students come back after a longer period of time, or are older students who decide to attend college for the first time. These non-traditional students, students who don't attend

UNO directly out of high school, are playing an increasing role at UNO, Gerbracht said.

"We really have apples and oranges here," he said, The university hopes to determine which types of students are on the increase. Because the U.S. population is getting older, many national experts predict the number of non-traditional students will increase.

UNO received 569 new freshmen this year, and posted a 6.2 percent increase in its undergraduate program, the largest undergraduate increase of any NU campus. Gerbracht said he was not aware of any studies that had been done on the subject, but said that money could have been a deciding factor for students who chose UNO.

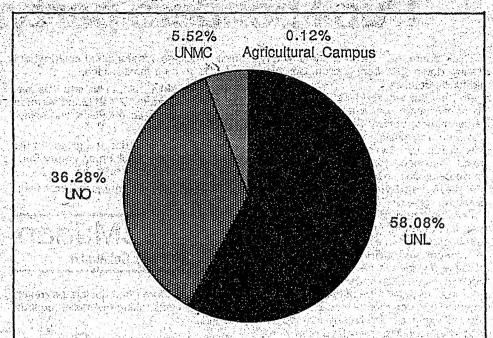
"It's my personal feeling that the cost of education at the private institutions has really made it prohibitive for many students to attend them," he said.

Omaha's only private, four-year college posted a 2.2 percent gain this year. Enrollment at Creighton University increased from 5,827 in 1987 to 5,958, according to a Creighton spokesperson.

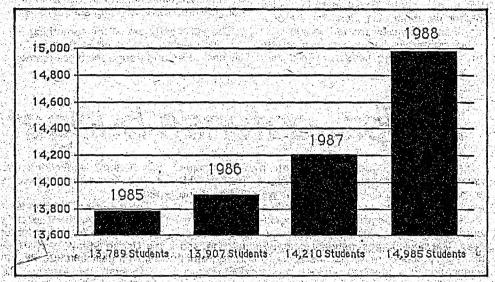
Gerbracht said although enrollment figures are hard to predict, he's optimistic about UNO's future.

"We must be doing something right or we wouldn't be seeing all these people," he said

Enrollment figures and changes at other NU campuses: University of Nebraska — Lincoln: 23,986 students, a 2,5 percent increase; University of Nebraska Medical Center: 2,253 students, a 1,2 percent increase; and the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, Nebr. (Ag Campus), 49 students, a 19.7 percent decrease.



Pie chart of enrollment percentages in the university system.



UNO's growth since 1985 has shown steady increases, with the biggest jump coming this year.

Percentage of Change in Enrollment by Colleges

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Handicapped look for access

By JULIE CONDON: Staff Reporter

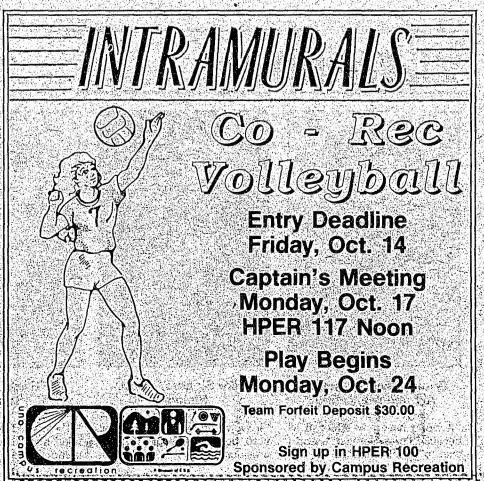
Getting from class to class is something most students take for granted. For hand-leapped students, the concern is a daily affair. A few people affiliated with UNO are putting effort into discovering problems with the accessibility of campus buildings.

Three UNO employees, Barbara Hewins-Maroney, executive assistant to the chancellor; Mary Glogowski, manager for affirmative action and employee relations; and Dave Irvin, manager for Physical Plant-Facilities; are looking at the buildings on campus to see how accessible they are for handicapped people.

They started their study about three weeks ago and have looked at the Eppley Administration Building; Student Center,

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School reaches 50th birthday

Symposium to celebrate social work anniversary

By JIM LORENCE Contributing Writer

A true meeting of the minds will take UNO by storm Oct. 13-14. The School of Social Work will hold a symposium on these days as part of a celebration to observe the 50th birthday of the social work graduate program.

Speaking in the keynote position at the "Golden Jubilee" celebrtation will be Nebraska Attorney Gen. Robert Spire. Aside from the symposium, the event will feature a banquet, a luncheon and some social time.

Michael McGrath, associate professor of social work and coordinator of the symposium, said the school of social work is an integral part of UNO. He also said more than half of the full time graduate students at UNO are enrolled in social work. McGrath estimates that many social work students come from across Nebraska and neighboring states.

Twenty-five percent of social work grads opt for careers in the mental health field, making it the leading choice, according to McGrath. The opportunities for social work graduates is constantly growing. Work in the fields of chemical dependency, child welfare and counseling of the aged and their families is gaining more prominence, he

Possibly the fastest growing area in the field of social work is that of employee assistance programs (EAPs) now being developed by some corporations.

"In the expanding business community, emotional prob-lems can cost a lot of money," the professor said of employees who have problems on the job. To counsel employees rather than hire and train new ones, "... it's

cheaper in the long run," McGrath said.
The job outlook for those with social work degrees is looking rather bright. McGrath said that the degree in social work is more marketable than many other degrees.

However, the bachelor of social work degree is still basically an entry-level degree, and many of these degree holders continue at the graduate level because of this. McGrath said he is pleased with Nebraska's recent policy of licensing social workers. He said this will help keep the The UNO school of social work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. UNO has continuously been accredited for its respective degree programs, according to a leaflet called "What is Social Work?" distributed by the school.

According to McGrath, UNO has consistently gotten the maximum accreditation available, while other schools have not. Ronald Ozaki, professor of social work and chairperson for the Golden Jubilee Committee, added that schools are rigidly screened, and all do not compare equally. Accreditation is "not just given away," Ozaki said.

The full graduate program for social work began at UNO in 1938. In 1972, the graduate school of social work was transferred to UNO. It exists as part of the UNO College of Public Affairs and Community Service. This university has the only graduate program for social work in Nebraska and it is one of four such programs in seven midwestern

Those needing information on the Golden Jubilee celebration may call the School of Social Work at 554-2791.

Eight receive distinguished alumni awards

Withem speaks on education challenges, future

By PAT RUNGE Contributing Writer

The College of Education held a luncheon Sept. 30 to reward eight of its distinguished alumni.

The keynote speaker was State Sen. Ronald Withem, who earned a master of science degree from UNO's College of Education. Sen. Withem is the chair of the Education Committee, a member of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs, Rules Committee and the executive director of the Mechanical Contractors of

Withem delivered a presentation titled "Education in Nebraska: Challenges and Opportunities." He said there are challenges to be met in policy on public education in Nebraska, and if the challenges are met, there are real opportunities to move forward. He reflected on his frustration in the Legislature to pass bills for reform in education, and of having no funds for reforms if bills were passed.

"In Nebraska, we have been operating under a series of myths," he said.
The whole system of the state does not

do an adequate job in preparing students

for challenges they will meet in the future, he said. Even if doing well by traditional standards, care must be taken to ensure that the traditional standards are carried into the next century.

Withem also said that the U.S. school system is competing well in international education. Many people believe that the national economy is facing a crisis. The only way to improve the economy is to be more productive, and the only way to be more productive is to have a better educated work force, he said.

New issues need to be debated to improve education in Nebraska, Withem said. One issue is the quality of young people entering the teaching profession. Rarely do young teachers intend or desire to remain teachers for the rest of their careers, he

Another question he raised was what should young people be learning and what exactly is the purpose of education. The question of the at-risk student, the student in danger of dropping out, must also be asked, Withem said.

The senator then closed his speech by reinforcing the need for addressing traditional issues (such as school finance), but to also bring the new issues into the de-

After Sen. Withem's speech, the eight distinguished alumni were awarded with a plaque in their honor. The alumni were Dr. Hollie Bethel, professor emeritus in the College of Education at UNO; Kenneth Bird. director of the department of Special Services for Westside Community Schools; Ellen Coffey, sixth grade teacher at Springville Elementary School; Dr. Luvern Cunningham, Novice G. Fawcett professor of Educational Administration at The Ohio State University; Dr. Larry L. Dlugosh, superintendent of the Grand Island Public Schools; Nancy Matsukis, travelling Elementary Physical Education Specialist with the Omaha Schools; keynote speaker Sen. Ron Withem and Dr. Ronald Witt, associative superintendent of General Administration for the Millard Public Schools.

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Kayser Hall, College of Business Administration and Arts and Sciences Hall.

"We had heard from students that there were some problems," Hewins-Maroney said. "One of the things we've noticed are

She maintained that not all the doors have problems, but some are not wide enough for a wheelchair to pass through easily. They have also done measurements of bathroom stalls and telephones. Hewins-Maroney and Glogowski have gotten much of their information by talking to some handicapped students.

Hewins-Maroney, Glogowski and Irvin plan to take the results of their study to the vice chancellor in hopes of correcting some of the problems they find.

"I know the vice chancellors are interested," Hewins-Maroney said. "Some things will be changed."

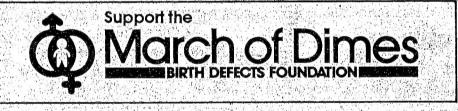
Several handicaps need to be taken into consideration when looking at accessibility of campus buildings.

"We can't forget students who are: blind,'' she said.

Some handicapped people have been disappointed with the HPER building.

"The main thing is they don't have access to all levels," said Brad Lynch, director of the Disabled Students Organization (DSO). There is an elevator in the building, but it does not go to the lower level, where the racquetball courts are. Lynch also mentioned that the weight room is not fully equipped to handle some handicapped people who wish to work out. Lynch said he thinks modifications will eventually be

John Troia, a member of DSO, is planning on checking certain parts of each building on campus for accessibility prob-



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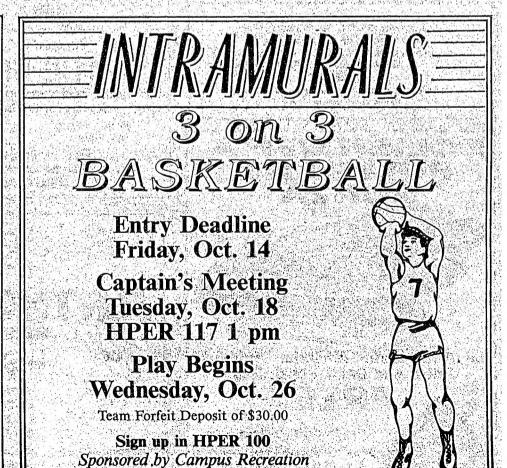
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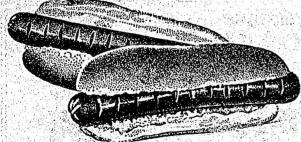
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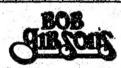


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School districts, UNO team up on education

By TOM FOSTER Staff Reporter

Omaha schools and UNO education majors will benefit from a new alliance formed by the College of Education and five area school districts.

The forming of the Metropolitan Omaha Educational Consortium (MOEC) will for the first time formally merge the talents of Omaha, Bellevue, Millard, Ralston and Westside public school districts with the UNO College of Education, according to University Relations.

Ken Hansen, former superintendent of the Westside Public School District, will serve as the executive director

of the Consortium. The superintendents of the five participating districts and the dean of UNO's College of Education will serve as members of the Steering Committee.

According to Norbert Schuerman, superintendent of Omaha Public Schools, MOEC was a joint venture involving the UNO College of Education Dean Richard Flynn, and the superintendents of the participating school districts.

"The dean of UNO's education department and the superintendents of the participating school districts sat down and talked about how we could cooperate and collaborate for the benefit of education in the Omaha area," Schuerman said.

There has been cooperation in the past," he said, "but

the Consortium encourages it, improves it and increases

Jane Russell, coordinator of Special Projects for the College of Education, said that College of Education students will benefit from better quality student teaching, along with more relevant course work, as a result of MOEC.

The coordinator said the increased input from the cooperating districts will be one of the benefits the College of Education will enjoy

"The consortium will allow us to bring in more excellent teachers and other school professionals from the partic-

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WEEKEND WIRE

'A . . . My Name is Alice'

UNO's University Theatre will open its season with the jazz and blues musical revue, A. . . My Name Is Alice

The production is based on a woman named Alice and is centered around the seasons of her life. The work was co-written by Joan Micklin Silver, who is originally from Omaha.

Cynthia Phaneuf, associate professor of dramatic arts and the play's director, said the department decided to do this work because of the people available

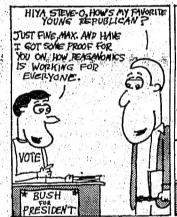
We had so many strong women in our company," Phaneuf said. "Most plays have predominately male parts, and we wanted to something that features the

'The cast originally calls for five women, but we had to expand the cast to seven because we had so many good people," the director said.

Phaneuf said A. . . My Name is Alice is the only play she will direct this semester. The other five works are to be produced and directed by the dramatic arts students and other faculty members.

The play will be presented at the University Theater in Arts and Sciences Hall Oct. 7 to Oct. 9 and Oct 14 to Oct. 16. Curtain time is 8 p.m. and tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$4 for students.





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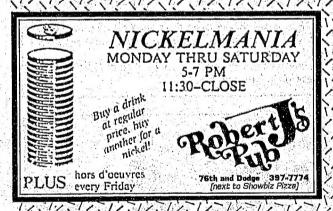




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'Bagdad Cafe' serves up 'charming' film

I encountered a lovely film last week, "The Bagdad Cafe."

"The Bagdad Cafe" tells the story of Jasmin Muenchstettner (Marianne Sagebrecht), who leaves her husband and makes her way to the Bagdad Cafe, in the middle of the desert. There, she encounters Brenda, (C.C.H. Pounder) the rather crusty owner of the cafe, motel and gasoline station. Brenda spends most of her time yelling at people.

When they meet, it seems like a collision of cultures; the neat, quiet Ms. Muenchstettner and the slovenly, abrasive Brenda, who cannot pronounce Jasmin's last

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name. But there are similarities also; both are members of minority cultures (Jasmin, German and Brenda, black) and each has in the last 15 minutes separated from her husband, though under different circumstances.

To the group inhabiting this dilapidated cafe, a listless conglomeration of humanity, Jasmin brings new energy and new motivation. Into this established chaos enters order, but the initial encounters generate sparks. In time, Brenda comes to recognize Jasmin's multi-faceted values as the film moves towards its surprising conclusion.

From the film's opening shots, one can recognize an unconventional approach to filmmaking. The images carry a sickly saffron hue and the camera is held off-kilter. Within the opening moments, in a language we do not understand, we are



C.C.H. Pounder (left) and Marianne Sagebrecht star as two women from extremely different backgrounds in the "Bagdad Cafe."

thrown into the discord of a marriage breaking up.

The fact that the initial argument between Jasmin and her husband was not translated into English communicates as much as the argument itself: That the specific words were not necessary to convey the information or the mood of the moment. The particular words and the exact issues here are not important. For the purposes of this film, the only significance is that the two separate, and having done so, the film resumes in English.

The filmmakers comment on the inter-

personal relationship between the two women. Brenda is initially alarmed by Jasmin's presence; for one, her appearance and her accent are so different. Brenda is further disturbed by the male accounterments she finds in Jasmin's room (the results of a hastily snatched suitcase), convinced that she somehow represents danger.

Jasmin can see more about Brenda; she sees past the brusque unpleasantness and persists in her efforts to be helpful and friendly far longer than many might. People cannot be assessed, the film suggests, on their outward appearances and attire; they can change; even the grating and harsh Brenda can become gentler through knowing the altruistic, kind Jasmin.

Marianne Sagebrecht has worked with Director Percy Aldon before, most notably in the wonderful 1985 movie "Sugarbaby" about the life of a slightly rotund woman

about the life of a slightly rotund woman. In "Bagdad Cafe," both she and C.C.H. Pounder turn in wonderful performances. Ms. Sagebrecht is delightfully full of sentiment without plummeting into sentimentality, and Ms. Pounder is most convincing

One of the best performances comes from a short performance of American Indian actor named Apesanahkwat. He was delightful as the local law enforcement officer, Sheriff Arnie.

as an irritating shrew making the transition to a compassionate friend.

Also notable is veteran actor Jack Palance as a retired Hollywood set designer turned painter. But one of the best performances comes from a short performance of American Indian actor named Apesanahkwat. He was delightful as the local law enforcement officer, Sheriff Arnie

"Bagdad Cafe" is a charming film about a most odd assortment of human beings, who find that they have far more in common than anyone might have anticipated. It's a film about tolerance and patience; about love and individuality; about families and connectedness; and about finding the unexpected. For those for whom these concepts sound appealing, I suspect that "Bagdad Cafe" will be a notable pleasure.

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ipating districts as guest lectures," she said.

The courses offered by the College of Education will become more representative of needs and problems of the local school districts, Russell said.

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The consortium will "increase the input of school personnel and faculty members related to course offerings at UNO based on needs and problems of the participating districts," she said.

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According to Russell, the availability and opportunity for research involving the participating school districts will increase as a result of MOEC.

The student teaching program at UNO will also benefit by having "improved, more relevant, formal training for cooperating teachers and a better means of choosing the most qualified teachers to work with student teachers," Russell said.

The cooperation between the department of education and the five school districts involved will be more formal as a result of the MOEC, according to the Dean's Office.

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"We are currently doing these things now, but the Consortium will help make it easier for these things to happen in a more formal matter and a more regular basis to improve curriculum and institutions that our student are exposed to," Russell said.

The Consortium will be housed within UNO's College of Education, with each of the participating organizations contributing dollars and other resources to the effort.

UNO forensics team takes fourth place at Wayne State

"We're off to a helluva good season," said Teresa Houser, president of UNO's forensic team. "This year we've got the experience, talent and drive."

The team finished fourth overall at the Wayne State College Invitational held Oct. 1 and 2. Eleven schools were invited from Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska.

Team members who placed in their events were Teresa Houser, Carolyn Mouttee, Rich Rickels, Margaret Nalty and Bob Edwards.

Houser is optimistic about this year's team because of last weekend's accomplishments.

"Last year it took us three tourneys before we had anyone place in their event. Quite a difference from this

year," she said.

This weekend the forensics team will compete at a tournament hosted by Creighton, one of the season's biggest tournaments, according to Houser. Other teams included in the upcoming tournament will be

from universities in Texas to those in North Dakota.
"Everyone should keep their eyes on us because we could definitely finish high in nationals," the president of the team said.

Nationals will be held in April either at North Dakota State or in New Jersey.

Planetarium shows planned

Because of a power outage last week in the Durham Science Center, "The Mars Show" will be featured again this weekend at the Kountze Planetarium, Shows will begin at 8 p.m. tonight, Saturday and Sunday, and will be followed with the opportunity to actually view Mars from the Science Center observatory.

Admission is \$2.50 for members of the university community or children, and slightly more for members of the public. This is one of the year's best times to view the planet, according to Robert Schmidt, associate professor of physics.

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While Veeps talked, Z-92 rocked

KEZO stings debate with Scorpions' 'concert'

Not everyone is pleased about the vice presidential debate held at the Civic Auditorium last Wednesday. One of the costs of getting the second-seaters in town was the cancellation of a concert by The Scorpions, a West German rock group, that was to be held last Tuesday.

The Civic Auditorium needed to be vacant days prior to the debate to allow for necessary preparation. A lack of another venue for the concert was the reason behind the cancellation. The city of Omaha paid \$43,204 in contractual damages to the band.

Otis Twelve, morning drive-time disc-jockey at FM radio station KEZO (Z-92), said the station received a few dis-

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appointed calls last week but "no potential wave of violence" was expected. Z-92 sponsored the show along with Cox Cable.

"We received a respectable number of complaints, but not as if they were to cancel a Rolling Stones or a U2 show," Twelve said. He said he was uncertain of any boomerang effect the Scorpion's cancellation would have on ticket sales to the musical "Cats" to be held the next

"The calls I've received were people who couldn't understand why the show got cancelled," said Z-92 Promotion Director Joni Ryan (aka The Iguana Lady). "People



The Scorpions, a rock band from West Germany, were orginally scheduled to play in the Omaha Civic Auditorium but were forced to cancel because of the vice presidential de-

just don't understand the politics involved. They just know. their concert got cancelled.

Contemporary Productions' Promoter Kevin Dochtermann, who represents the Scorpions on a promotional basis, said about 1,200 tickets were sold when the cancellation was announced.

"I wish we could have placed them somewhere else, but that's life. The debate was a big thing for the city,

Dochtermann said currently there are no plans for rescheduling a live show, but there is a possibility. The Scorpions could return to Omaha on another leg of the tour.

Z-92's Program Director Bruce McGregor said they planned a "substitution" concert for Scorpion fans.

'A few of our listeners called in and suggested we do something," McGregor said. "We decided to have our own Scorpions concert in spite of the debates.

The director said he had contacted the band's lead singer Klaus Meine on the afternoon of Oct. 3 and got the list of songs that the Scorpions have done on their tour. McGregor said the music played in the order the band played the songs on the tour and from their live and studio releases at the same time the debate went on.

"While they talk, we rock," he said.

He also added Meine did the introductions for each song and incorporated much of the dialog he uses during a con-

"Klaus was very cooperative," McGregor said. "He did all his stage yells and drop-ins. He even did a 30 second scream to start the concert.

"He said that if given the chance, they would have loved to play," he said "Klaus said some nice things about Omaha . . . they remembered this town because they got some good responses from when they played here before.

"He seemed kind of disappointed they weren't able to play here," the director said. "(But) I don't think the candidates are very big Scorpion fans anyway," he added

niversities reach out for student vote

(CPS) - Five hundred and fifty student leaders gathered in Washington, D.C., during the Sept. 30 weekend to try to figure out how to do something no one's ever done before:

Get college students to vote.

They're not alone. The chancellor of the City University of New York (CUNY), the student president at the University of Idaho, Public Interest Research Groups, the National Student Education Fund, the U.S.

"This is a watershed year. This election will define the direction our country is going in."

-Catherine Crane

Student Association (USSA), the Grassroots Organizing Weekends Project, both major political parties and scores of campus groups nationwide are trying.

On Oct. 3, moreover, the student leaders were scheduled to start a month-long bus tour of eastern and Midwestern campuses to try to register students to vote.

We need to get students excited to vote." University of Arizona student President John Fees said.

This is a watershed year," argued Catherine Crane of the National Student Campaign for Voter Registration, which held the weekend conference of student leaders. "This election will define the direction our country is going in.

CUNY Chancellor Joseph S. Murphy appealed to students' wallets: "There is a direct relationship between the amount of student-aid dollars available and the number of votes in the ballot box. You can be sure that elected officials understand both the cause and the effect.

But ever since 1972, when 18-year-olds first got the right to vote and observers predicted a huge monolithic liberal Student Vote that would transform American politics, collegians generally have failed to cast ballots at all.

In 1984, less than half of the country's 26 million 18-to-24-year-olds even registered to vote. Fewer than 41 percent bothered to vote.

(Students) tend to participate less than people in their middle years," reports Dr. Matthew R. Kerbel, a political scientist at Villanova University. "Students are less. settled and their minds are on other things.

"And they feel their votes don't make a critical difference," Kerbel said.

"Students are busy with other things," Alabama-Birmingham associate professor of political science and public affairs.

"If they are away from home, the logistics of registering may create difficulty. If they are not married, not homeowners, they don't feel a vested interest (in vot-"Carmichael added.

Kerbel figures there's not much chance of getting students interested in registering at least until "the World Series is over and the election is the only major sporting event in the country

"It's more of a challenge (to try to lure students to voting booths) because the elections aren't exciting," conceded University of Oregon activist Karen Gaffney.

Students do, in fact, turn out in greater numbers than nonstudents of the same age, noted Kevin Harris of USSA

Harris added they do so in spite of often not knowing how to register or where, of registrars who tell them "you can't register unless you pay taxes in New York," or county clerks who will not deputize a registrar to serve the students

So far, at least some students have responded to efforts to register them.

"Education issues, the disadvantages of being a student, the need for higher edu-

cation funding," persuaded Gina Olson, an concurred John Carmichael, a University of Illinois State University sophomore to reg-

> A registration drive at the University of Illinois' main Champaign-Urbana campus netted 1250 new student voters in one day in September.

 Even failures aren't deterring the optimists trying to organize the student vote.

When bad weather and a light turnout netted only 50 new student registrants at Indiana University in mid-September, student Vice President Andy Potts, taking aim at his drive's goal of 10,000 voters, commented, 'only 9,950 more to go.

So student leaders at Idaho s public campuses organized a statewide registration drive, while faculty members at Broome Community College in Binghampton, N.Y., handed out voter registration forms to their students with the goal of registering 40 percent of the student body.

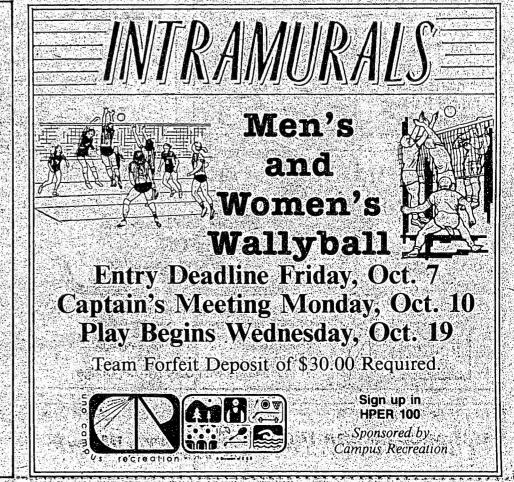
The Illinois Student Association has tacked up posters reading, "Lawmakers think students don't vote. Surprise them. Register to vote' on campuses around that state.

But history is hard to buck, and "there is a general malaise in the population," asserts Alabama's Carmichael. "People may be satisfied with the way things are.



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Handicapped get lift from weight room

By KIM HANLEY Staff Reporter

The desire to meet the needs of the handicapped inspired Ron Clark, coordinator of Campus Recreation, to order the "Freedom Machine" for the newly remodeled weight room in the HPER Building.

The Freedom Machine, a four-in-one weight apparatus, was designed specifically for the handicapped in connection with Arizona State University's (ASU) Adaptive Intramural Program.

Small enough to fit through a household doorway, the machine allows effortless wheelchair access and comes equipped with wrist cuffs for persons not able to use a

John Figy, coordinator of Adaptive Intramurals at ASU and designer of the unit, said he became interested in working with the physically challenged in his youth.

Figy and his high school friends enlisted in the Armed Services during the Vietnam era. But due to a football injury, Figy was denied entrance.

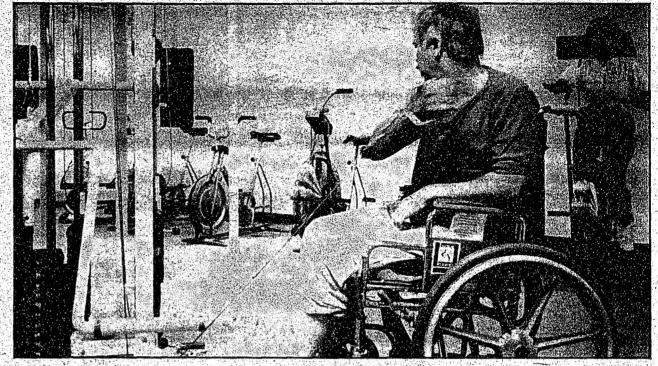
'Some of my buddies came back, some didn't," Figy said. "I began working with the ones who did make it

Figy began adapting physical therapy equipment to meet the needs of his friends. The freedom machine provides most of the features found on standard weight station machines, including weight walking, bench press, pec deck; lat bar and a high-low pully station.

All of the stations are adjustable to the size of the user, with lighter weights (starting at 10 pounds), counterbalance areas and knobs on the weight pins. These features allow the handicapped use of the machine with little or no

Tim Herek, a member of the UNO Alumni Association, uses the freedom machine two to three times a week. Herek was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1976 and has been in a wheelchair since 1981.

"I can't say enough about what UNO is doing. I love the equipment, it keeps me active," Herek said. "It's im-



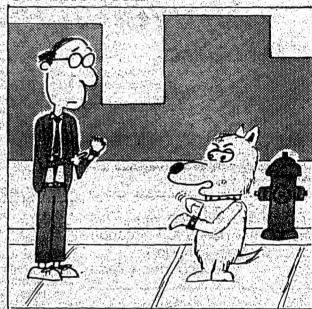
Tim Herek, a member of the UNO Alumni Association and a victim of multiple sclerosis, uses the pully station of the freedom machine. Before this system was installed, many of UNO's handicapped students and faculty could not enjoy most of the weight room facilities.

portant to me psychologically to maintain myself."

Herek has a realistic attitude toward his disease. He doesn't expect exercise to improve his health, only to help him stay healthy longer.

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Women's varsity enjoy separate lifting area

This May, UNO's female athletes gained weight. This came in the form of a new weight room, all to themselves.

'It is a real morale booster for the coaches and athletes;" UNO:Women's Athletic Director Connie Claussen said. "Ever since the major budget cuts, we have worked hard to continue programs at a level that they should be funded.

Before the weight room opened, all the varsity teams worked out in one room.

Before, we had to lift in the early morning or late. We were here all day. Now we can zip in, get a good workout and get out of here, "assistant basketball Coach Paula Buscher said.

Having separate rooms also lowers the risk of injuries because there are fewer athletes trying to use the equipment at once, Buscher said

I do what I need to do a lot faster, and I am a lot

more concentrated and focused," said UNO basketball player. Wendy Millard. "We only have a few fundraisers a year, and it makes you appreciate the trips more and what you can do.

A women's walk and a jog-a-thon helped pay for the women's weight room

It is something positive. The athletes are working hard at their fundraising, and they can see where it is going," Claussen said.

"I am surprised at how much equality the athletes have here," UNO basketball player Tricia Floyd said.

We can come in any time we want and use it The men's weight room is located under the Field House bleachers, adding a walk outside to the athletes'

The athletes agreed that the room is new and clean, but said their favorite part of the deal is not having to walk outside in the winter anymore.

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SPORTS

Road-game blues slight Lady Mav's volleyball record

By KRIS FREDENBURG Staff Reporter

The Lady Mays participated in the third of three consecutive out-of-town tournaments last weekend in the North Dakota State Classic.

Coach Karen Uhler and her nine-member team played in four rounds of play and came away with a 1-3 record against three nationally ranked opponents, bringing UNO's season tally to 7-8.

This season's schedule has been unusually rigorous for the Lady Mavs, Uhler said. Her Mavs haven't seen a home crowd since the Alumni game Sept. 9.

"The travel has been difficult," she said. "It's been hard to keep up with the schedule."

School work and practices have been irregular due to the unconventional schedule. Uhler said the Mays leave Thursday for a Saturday game and often don't return until Sunday night.

At the North Dakota State Classic, the home team, 12-O, subdued the Mays 15-8, 15-8 and 15-6 in its opening game. The loss came despite impressive hitting by senior Ruth Evans and sophomore Amy Gradoville, Uhler said.

UNO's other losses came against Portland State and Cal State Northridge, both of whom the Mays met previously in the Portland Showcase.

Portland outscored the Mays 15-9, 15-5 and 15-10 in second-round action, while Northridge upended UNO 15-11, 15-7 and 15-10 in the final round.

"We were playing over our heads," Uhler said. The teams with the winning records have 12-14 people in their programs, whereas UNO has only nine.

"Those teams are stacked. They have more experience, more power and more strength. They have a lot to work with. We have a lot to work around."

UNO captured one victory late in the tournament as the Lady Mavs victimized Minnesota-Duluth 12-15, 15-6, 6-15, 15-4, 15-5 en route to a 3-2 win.

Although the Mavs sport a losing record thus far in season standings, Uhler said the young, inexperienced team is improving.

Sophomore Kelly Nicolas excelled at the back-up setter's position, replacing starting setter Pam Largen for part of the North Dakota tournament. Uhler said Nicolas did a good job covering for starting setter Largen, who was having an off game.

Senior Ruth Evans received all-tournament honors for the second weekend in a row as she was selected for the North Dakota Classic All-Tournament team.

Uhler said she doesn't expect much change in the record. UNO has been playing the nation's best teams and, with such a small team, has not seen much success.

UNO baseball team endures fall camp

By MARK GREGORY Contributing Writer

Now that a season is assured for the UNO baseball team, how good they will be is still uncertain.

According to Coach Bob Gates, university budget cuts and a lack of athletes presented the 1989 Mays with an uphill climb.

"Right now, we don't have anybody really outstanding," Gates said. "Our fielding is better, but our hitting isn't that good. Our pitching is coming along, but it's really hard to say right now."

The current roster of 27 players, nine of them pitchers, includes a variety of players this season, Gates said.

"We've got a real combination of people, some new and some that have been around. It's so tough to know how we'll be, and we may not even know until a week before we start," he said.

Gates has five signed recruits but is hoping for junior college transfers and walkons to step in and fill infielding positions.

Among the returning pitching corp is Ron Barnes, Barnes, a four-year starter from Springfield-Platteview, will be looked upon as a leader for the '89 squad.

"Ron Barnes is someone who really against Peru College.

stands out right now. He's our key pitcher," Gates said.

The Mavericks, in their fifth week of fall camp, are concentrating on fundamentals. Intra-squad scrimmages and practice games against area colleges are used in preparation for the opening spring season, Gates said.

"it's kind of like spring football for us right now. We get a chance to really look at our players and see what positions would work best for them."

After Nov. 1, the team will move indoors for two months of winter conditioning before resuming practice on the second day of the spring semester. The conditioning program will consist of running and weight training.

In his 38th year of coaching Gates expects the '89 Mavericks to improve on last season's performance. Gates is optimistic UNO will better last year's third place finish in the Southern Division of the North Central Conference.

The Northern Division houses the defending conference champion Mankato State. The other teams are North Dakota, North Dakota State and St. Cloud State.

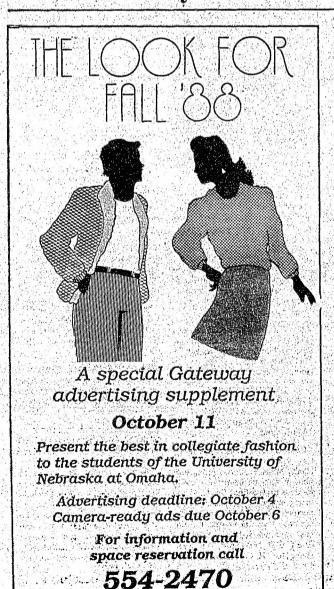
The Mavs open action March 7 at home against Peru College.

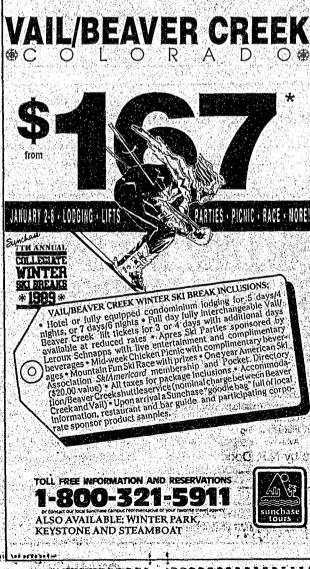


—Dave Weaver

Junior Todd Sadler grasps a Kearney State defender's mask hoping to break the tackle. UNO meets Northern Colorado tomorrow in North Central Conference action. See page 12 for story.

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UNO Rocky-Mountain bound Maverick loss stirs up conference race

By DAVID JAHR Sports Editor

Any pressure the UNO football team had about having an undefeated season is out of the way now.

However, a conference championship is still on the line, as the Mavericks go on the road to meet the University of Northern Colorado tomorrow afternoon.

UNO and the Bears are tied in the North Central Conference with 2-1 records.

The Bears' only defeat came at the hands of St. Cloud State on a field goal as time expired. Last week, UNC nipped defending NCC champion Mankato State 31-28.

UNO suffered its first loss of the season to a ball-controlling South Dakota State, losing 16-3. SDSU ran 79 plays to UNO's 43 and had the ball 18 minutes more than the Mays. When the Mays did have the ball, it was only for a few seconds.

"It was strange. I don't know how to explain how you can have just four turnovers in four games, and then have four in one half like we did Saturday night," Coach Sandy Buda said.

Saturday, Buda faces an offense averaging 434 total yards and scoring more than 30 points a game.

The high-powered offense is highlighted by three players, quarterback Mark Sedinger, running back Jonas Eldridge and wide receiver Cedric Tillman.

According to Buda, UNC was primarily a passing team, but with the addition of Eldridge, the offense is evened out and capable of a lot of scoring.

Sedinger has passed for 1073 yards, nine for touch-downs, completing 69.9 per cent of his attempts.

Sedinger has been especially dangerous when looking for Tillman. Tillman has 33 catches for 543 yards for five touchdowns. His efforts in the first game of the season earned him NCC and Football Gazette's Division II player of the week.

The Mavericks, however, have struggled when the ball is in their possession, acquiring just 113 and 159 yards in the last two outings.

Before the SDSU game, UNO's defense held their opponents to just 8.6 points a game, led by Kirk Coleman and Eric Robinson's combined 55 tackles for the season.

Linebacker Todd Culp was named the Mavericks' defensive player of the week for his 13 tackles and a broken-

LaRon Henderson took the offensive honor for his 67 yards rushing on 14 carries.

The Mavs blanked the Bears last year 21-0 behind the rushing efforts of Henderson and Jeff Podraza combining for 274 yards. This year, Henderson and Podraza are being hampered by nagging injuries. Henderson is protecting a pinched nerve and Podraza is recuperating from a sprained ankle.

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Cross country strides for long range goals

By BOB MARTINEZ Contributing Writer

Running 5,000 meters in less than 25 minutes is a long-range goal for some, but women's cross country Coach Tim Hendricks is looking down the road in terms of years, not minutes.

Hendricks' long-range goal for the team members is to have them in position for the conference title within the next four years.

"Instant success is not constant success," Hendricks said. "If we want to build a strong program that will last, we must be patient."

With the cancellation of the UNO track program in the spring of 1987, Hendricks was concerned about the continuation of the cross country team.

"Since we no longer had a track program, I was concerned about the chances we had in recruiting athletes," he said.

However, this season has eased some of the concerns for the team. The number of runners this year is up by five compared to last year's team.

The team's goal this year is to finish third in the conference. According to Hendricks, this is a realistic goal for the team, which finished last the previous year.

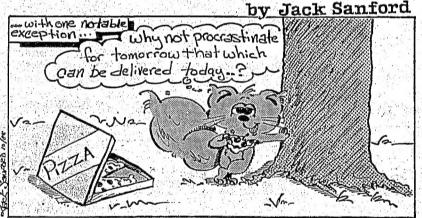
Last season's bright spot was Sheila Brown winning the individual conference title. In addition to winning the conference title, Brown was also named a Division Il All-American.

"Qualifying for nationals again is a personal goal I have set for myself this year," she said.

The team's next meet will be the St. Cloud Invitational Oct. 8.

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